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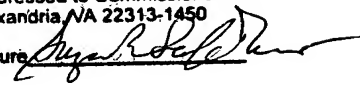
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/539,911
Applicants : Dietschi et al.
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Title : FLUID COOLING SYSTEM, COOLED
FLUID DISPENSER COMPRISING
THE LATTER, AND METHODS FOR
STERILIZATION THEREOF

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In the Office Action mailed March 27, 2007, the Examiner has imposed a Restriction Requirement to one of the following inventions under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §121 and §372:

- I. Claims 1 - 45 (Group I) drawn to a fluid cooling system comprising a primary heat exchanger system and a secondary heat exchanger system; and
- II. Claims 46 - 54 (Group II) drawn to a method of sanitizing a cooled fluid dispenser.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect the subject matter defined by Claims 1 - 45 (Group I) without traverse. Applicant reserves the right to pursue Claims 46-54 (Group II) in a divisional application.

In the Office Action, the Examiner has further required an election of one of the following disclosed species, under 35 U.S.C. § 121, to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable:

1. The embodiment of Figures 1 and 2; and
2. The embodiment of Figures 3 and 4.

In response, Applicants elect without traverse the species disclosed by Figures 1 and 2 and Claims 1 - 22 and 37 - 45 which are readable thereon. However, the Examiner notes Claim 1 is generic and, therefore, if independent Claim 1 is deemed allowable, Applicants respectfully request consideration of all claims which are dependent upon Claim 1.

In view of the present election, it is believed that this application is in condition for further consideration and examination. If resolution of any remaining issues is required prior to examination of the application, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,



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